

1 Do you recall meeting with him around January 23rd,
2 1998, a Friday a.m. in your study, two days after The
3 Washington Post story, and extremely explicitly telling him
4 that you didn't have, engage in any kind of sex, in any way,
5 shape or form, with Monica Lewinsky, including oral sex?

6 A I meet with John Podesta almost every day. I meet
7 with a number of people. The only thing I -- what happened
8 in the couple of days after what you did was revealed, is a
9 blizzard to me. The only thing I recall is that I met with
10 certain people, and a few of them I said I didn't have sex
11 with Monica Lewinsky, or I didn't have an affair with her or
12 something like that. I had a very careful thing I said, and
13 I tried not to say anything else.

14 And it might be that John Podesta was one of them.
15 But I do not remember this specific meeting about which you
16 asked, or the specific comments to which you refer. And --

17 Q You don't remember --

18 A -- seven months ago, I'd have no way to remember,
19 no.

20 Q You don't remember denying any kind of sex in any
21 way, shape or form, and including oral sex, correct?

22 A I remember that I issued a number of denials to
23 people that I thought needed to hear them, but I tried to be
24 careful and to be accurate, and I do not remember what I said
25 to John Podesta.

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1 sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky to those
2 individuals?

3 A I recall telling a number of those people that I
4 didn't have, either I didn't have an affair with Monica
5 Lewinsky or didn't have sex with her. And I believe, sir,
6 that -- you'll have to ask them what they thought. But I was
7 using those terms in the normal way people use them. You'll
8 have to ask them what they thought I was saying.

9 Q If they testified that you denied sexual relations
10 or relationship with Monica Lewinsky, or if they told us that
11 you denied that, do you have any reason to doubt them, in the
12 days after the story broke; do you have any reason to doubt
13 them?

14 A No. The -- let me say this. It's no secret to
15 anybody that I hoped that this relationship would never
16 become public. It's a matter of fact that it had been many,
17 many months since there had been anything improper about it,
18 in terms of improper contact. I --

19 Q Did you deny it to them or not, Mr. President?

20 A Let me finish. So, what -- I did not want to
21 mislead my friends, but I wanted to find language where I
22 could say that. I also, frankly, did not want to turn any of
23 them into witnesses, because I -- and, sure enough, they all
24 became witnesses.

25 Q Well, you knew they might be --

1 A And so --

2 Q -- witnesses, didn't you?

3 A And so I said to them things that were true about
4 this relationship. That I used -- in the language I used, I
5 said, there's nothing going on between us. That was true. I
6 said, I have not had sex with her as I defined it. That was
7 true. And did I hope that I would never have to be here on
8 this day giving this testimony? Of course.

9 But I also didn't want to do anything to complicate
10 this matter further. So, I said things that were true. They
11 may have been misleading, and if they were I have to take
12 responsibility for it, and I'm sorry.

13 Q It may have been misleading, sir, and you knew
14 though, after January 21st when the Post article broke and
15 said that Judge Starr was looking into this, you knew that
16 they might be witnesses. You knew that they might be called
17 into a grand jury, didn't you?

18 A That's right. I think I was quite careful what I
19 said after that. I may have said something to all these
20 people to that effect, but I'll also -- whenever anybody
21 asked me any details, I said, look, I don't want you to be a
22 witness or I turn you into a witness or give you information
23 that could get you in trouble. I just wouldn't talk. I, by
24 and large, didn't talk to people about this.

25 Q If all of these people -- let's leave out Mrs.